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### **EDUCATION**

- Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY  
Doctor of Law (June, 1987)
- Yeshiva University Yeshiva College, New York, NY  
B.A. Psychology (June, 1984)

### **EXPERIENCE SUMMARY**

- Thirty-four years overall experience investigating, prosecuting and defending white-collar and violent criminal cases in both the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey
- Former homicide, investigations and major crimes trial prosecutor
- Approximately ninety jury and/or double jury trials to verdict, including:
  - twenty-nine homicide trials
  - sixty-seven A1 and B level felony and/or Violent Felony Offenses (VFO)
  - four jury trials before the civil term of the New York State Supreme Court

#### **Queens District Attorneys Office, Kew Gardens, New York**

Assistant District Attorney (August, 1987-June, 1993)

- Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau (1991-1993)
- Major Narcotics Trial Bureau (1990-1991)
- Supreme Court Trial Bureau (1989-1990)
- Homicide/Investigations Bureau (1987-1989)
- As the riding assistant district attorney in the Homicide/Investigations Bureau responded to and supervised all phases of homicide, police misconduct, and other high profile cases from the initial crime scene investigation through grand jury presentation and indictment (ie. crime scene workup and preservation, line-ups, witness and suspect interviews, audio and video statements, search warrant, pen register and eavesdropping warrant applications)
- Authored and argued three appellate briefs on behalf of the office at the Appellate Division, Second Department of the Supreme Court State of New York
- Instrumental in helping the office transition to a vertical trial structure during the administration change between District Attorneys John J. Santucci and Richard A. Brown
- Scored among the top three Assistant district Attorneys for two consecutive years on office wide criminal law and procedure exam
- Selected by the executive assistant district attorney of the trial division, Daniel T. McCarthy, as an instructor and demonstrator at the prosecutor training program for newly appointed assistant district attorneys from across the five boroughs of New York City

- Presented interoffice training lectures on the taking of audio and video taped statements as well as opening and closing statements
- Regularly represented the District Attorney at community board, precinct counsel and school drug program meetings

### **Law Offices of Jeffrey T. Schwartz PC, New York, NY**

Director (June, 1993-Present)

- Federal and state private criminal defense practice
- Appeared in criminal and civil matters throughout New York and New Jersey

### **Lysagh, Lysagh & Kramer, PC, New Hyde Park, NY (CLOSED)**

Of Counsel (June, 1993-January 1996)

- New York City Police Department union attorney
- Represented on behalf of Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) active duty police officers suspected of using excessive force and discharging their firearms

### **Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY**

Faculty Member, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (January, 1996-Present)

- Member of distinguished faculty of jurists and trial attorneys from across the United States selected to demonstrate, instruct and critique third year law students aspiring to be trial attorneys

### **Shurat HaDin Israel Law Center, New York, NY**

Director, New York Office (January, 2017-Present)

- Coordinate operations in New York office of international law center devoted to combatting global anti Israel activity and antisemitism
- Shurat HaDin Israel Law Center Activist Lawyers Task Force
- Named Plaintiff in discrimination lawsuit *Silver, et. al. v. Airbnb, Inc.*

### **Friends of Itamar, Brooklyn, NY**

Board of Directors (January, 2010-Present)

- A registered 5013c non-profit organization, established to provide assistance with town building infrastructure, cultural, educational and security projects insuring the safety and growth of the community of Itamar in Israel's heartland

### **PRO BONO REPRESENTATION**

- Victims of child sexual abuse
- NYC Department of Education reimbursement for students with disabilities (FAPE)
- NYC Department of Health benefits for the disabled
- Representation of indigent tenants facing eviction by the New York City Housing Courts
- Disaster relief for victims of 9/11, Hurricane Sandy, and the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

## **ADMISSIONS**

- United States Supreme Court (1991)
- US District Court Southern District of New York (1988)
- US District Court Eastern District of New York (1988)
- US District Court Northern District of New York (1999)
- US District Court District of New Jersey (1987)
- US District Court District of Baltimore (*Pro Hac Vice* 2012)
- Supreme Court State of New York (1987)
- The Supreme Court of New Jersey (1987)

## **JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Death Penalty Panel as Lead Trial Counsel (Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, Pursuant to §35B of the Judiciary Law )
- Homicide Panel (Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department, Pursuant to County Law Article 18-B & 22 NYCRR §678.8)
- Felony Panel (Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department, Pursuant to County Law Article 18-B & 22 NYCRR §678.8)
- Appeals Panel (Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department, Pursuant to County Law Article 18-B & 22 NYCRR §678.8)
- Immigration Consequences to Criminal Conviction
- Sex Offender Civil Commitment: Article Ten Mental Hygiene Law
- Referee Pursuant to Part 36 of the Chief Judge

## **AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS & COMMENDATIONS**

- Certificate of Outstanding Dedication and Service Queens District Attorneys Office (1993)
- Presidential Commendation New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (1995)
- Certificate of Outstanding Dedication and Service NYPD Detectives Endowment Association (2001)
- Certificate of Outstanding Dedication and Service The City Counsel of New York (2004)
- Certificate of Achievement Shurat HaDin Activist Lawyers Training Program (2015)
- The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 (2015)
- The New York Times Magazine Top Attorneys in Metro New York (2016)
- American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys Ten Best for Exceptional and Outstanding Client Service (2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Assistant District Attorneys Association of Queens County
- New York State Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- New York City Criminal Bar Association
- Queens County Criminal Bar Association
- Kings County Criminal Bar Association

## **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS**

- Taking Audio & Videotaped Statements
- Opening and Summation
- Advanced Direct and Cross Examination
- Crime Scene Investigation and Forensics Techniques
- Jury Selection
- Cross Examination of Police Officers and Detectives: A Tactical Guide
- Trial Advocacy Techniques and Strategy: From Hearing to Verdict
- Examining Expert Witnesses
- Ethical Issues That Arise in the Zealous Representation of Criminal Cases
- Representing High Profile Clients Vilified in the Media
- Breathing Life Into the Dreaded Justification Defense
- Junk Science or a Ticket to Freedom: An Analysis of Forensic Evidence
- Criminal Law Update 2018: Lab Accreditation Issues
- ASCLD/LAB and Other Forensic Certification: What Does That Really Mean?
- ASCLD/LAB Certification: How To Challenge
- Defending The Notorious: A View From The Trenches (with Ben Brafman & John Lauro)
- New Age Forensics: A Tactical Guide to Cross Examining Experts